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MEMORANDUM

TO: Architects, Engineers, Contractors
and Sprinkler Contractors

FROM: Jerry W. Jones
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SUBJECT: Fire Rated Separation of Pump Rooms

DATE: March 12, 1996

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish guidelines for the protection of fire pumps. NFPA 20:2-7 indicates that the fire pump, driver and controller shall be protected against possible interruption of service through damage caused by fire. To comply with this standard, this office will require pump rooms not protected by automatic fire sprinklers to be either a detached building or separated by construction having a two hour fire resistance rating. If the Pump Room is sprinklered, then only a one hour separation will be required.

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